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EDUCATIONAL PICTURES. No one can long visit moving pic-ture shows without being convinced the men who make and who accept some of the pictures lack both and taste. Detroit has recognised these moving pictures as capahie of doing much harm as well as good, and the word has gone forth that scenes depicting kidnapping must be prohibited. A contemporary remarks that "perhaps, those who were interested in the recent kidnapping show the first suggestion of the money raising possibilities in the crime. Or they might have been contemplating such an act and have found at a picture show directions for carrying it out more or less successfully. In either onsideration there is enough plausibillty to lead to the wish that kidnapping pictures had been forbidden long ago and to urge the hope that views which show the hateful things of life may be removed before they have further opportunities to il-These picture shows make too much

of tragedy and scenes which are hor-rible, and too little of the beautiful in cenery and the commendable in con duct. Managers should be discrimi-nating and show to children only such res as delight and educate—those which lead to crime, or as the result of crime show horrifying results, often cure patrons of the moving picture

tures shows that the makers of them do not fully appreciate the good or the harm their work may do to the rising

A negro who stabbed a white schoolto death at Richmond, Va., on February 18th, was electrocuted the the crime was committed. Arthillmus Christian was his name and within 24 hours of the offence he had been captured, presented in court, tried and convicted. There was no question as to his guilt and there is othing to be said against the despatch shown in his death, even if it was accelerated by prejudice against

Under the circumstances, what is good enough for a black man is good snough for a white one. There is nothng to be gained by long delays and It is not more merciful certainly to keep the culprit sitting for two years the shadow of death or more to keep down the price of coal. the credit of the courts.

This keeping of murderers and aseassins a year or two after conviction to fatten and Christianize them before execution is more farcical than sensi-The military way of doing things speedy, satisfying and effective Movements in the name of justice would lose nothing by being swifter

### SOCIAL LIFE IN THE WHITE HOUSE. These women who like to count

themselves in the class of plain Amerlean folks have had two remarkable administrations at Washington dur ing the reigns there of Mrs. McKinley and Mrs. Roosevelt, and now they are anxious lest Mrs. Taft shall prove to be less democratic and more autocrat le than her predecessors. A Chicago

"A new era of social life is coming in with this administration to show what a first lady of the land should do and how. Maybe I and millions of other plain people do not understand. but one thing we do know is that it was lovely to read of the Roosevelt life and of Mrs. Roosevelt's modest and unassuming ways. She plo tured to every woman in this broad how a woman and a mother should be, especially one brought bepresident. She was above being speiled by such glitter and glamour. "I do hope to live and see if Mrs. Tart, now mistress of the White house will be admired by the entire nation as was Mrs. Roosevell, or if she will just care to be remembered by the rich and brainy, and social climbers. It may be that I am greedy and ask too much, for looking back I can see

Now, perhaps, it is time the It is not at all likely that Mrs. Taft is going to show partiality to any speofal class of people. She is not likely to be similar to Mrs. McKinley of Roosevelt, but she will be Mrs. Taft, and as a wife and mother will be pleasing to the American people intimation that she will pander to the rich is hardly just to her at this stage of her public life.

and beautiful term, with the McKinley

and Roosevelt familles to call our very

## BULK AND HEADGEAR.

The fact that bulk is style, has been made too plain in headgear to be de-nied, and the criticism of the size of the ladies' hats—the notoriety of them make the laws, -bas only served to make them more popular than ever. The Merry Widow hat was nothing compared to the chopping-tray and tub style bats of today-what was in 1908 all brim has now got to be all crown-and more They are classed as grotesque picturesque, with the major portion in the first class; and the trim ming is as varied and bunchy , or as joud and fluffy as the means and taste of the wearer will permit. the styles look like glorified Mongolien hats-such hats as used to be picbured in the geographies half a century age. Of course, when the truth is told, it is none of a man's business whether his wife's hat is a nightmare, or a dream of a more pleasing nature; and as a fellow editor takes occasion to remark, "much may be forgiven a hat if it suits the face and ilgure of the owner, whether it fits the head or

News of a five-hundred-button gown makes the man of all work wonder how he can get his wife's dress buttoned in time for meeting, or to catch an early morning train.

Hoke Smith has invited Colonel Bryan to get out of the way and let the democratic party do something for its redemption. The invitation is not like-

### A FEASIBLE PLAN.

The plan to make the Connection river more useful as a waterway to the people of the territory it passes through is a feasible scheme, and in-

"At a recent club meeting in Turners Falls an interesting historica paper was read on Early Local Navigation, describing the canal, which was built and controlled by a company known as 'The proprietors of the upper locks and canal on the Connec ticut river in the county of Hamp-shire. The canal began nearly at the mouth of the Deerfield river at Montague City. There were numerous ocks along its course. In 1831 the Connecticut River Steamboat company beine of flatboats from Hartford, Conn., to Wells River, Vt. These were towed

"In 1840 the business fell off and ten years later it went into a fatal de-cline. In 1866 the Turners Falls company purchased the rights of the comognies that had carried on the business. It is a renewal of this under modern conditions that the reopening of the Connecticut to navigation would

AMBASSADOR TO ENGLAND. It is not likely that President Eliot of Harvard university will be appoint-ed as ambassador to the court of St.

James, on account of his age, although the fitness of the appointment is widey recognized; and there would be no omplaint should it be offered and he felt equal to assuming the duties, for country really needs a different ype of man for ambassadors to offset the wrong impression of America and Americans caused by the lavish expenditure of money and the giving of princely entertainments by the use of orivate wealth. A critic of the con duct of these ambassadorships of late tion is too important to be filled by a man whose wealth is his chief claim. It is also too exalted to be cheapened by an ostentatiousness in entertaincharge of being vulgar. With Mr. Eliot in the office, not only would former with it the best traditions of American patriotism and scholarship."

EDITORIAL NOTES. The expert who has finally declared hat there is no poison in kisses

the high-road to popularity. The discovery of coal mines in the outh polar region is not likely to help

The wireless outfits appear determined to do their best for Teddy. He cannot get away from them.

When it comes to discovering the stomach gets right in the way.

Sereno Payne is now regarded as the American champion for high stockings. Why do they need a champion? Concord is to remain the capital of

New Hampshire, and Manchester must low sit down in pence and patience. Anyone who thinks that the icemen have their timits should try just once

There is nothing healthier than Willie Whitla is the only boy in

ten thousand, or had a brass band wel-

annot turn down "the Rose of Killarfor horticultural loveliness.

we plain people have had a long Happy thought for today: nany people think that a blow at their

"Winard" Burbank has now perfected a spineless cactus, which he says will grow and thrive on a tin roof. With it he hopes to transform the desert of Sahara into a tropical garden. This cactus may soon be a desirable thing in New Haven if the elms entirely disappear, as they threaten to when our streets would be as hare of vegetation as Sahara. Possibly Burbank could evolve an elm which would thrive on bestles.—New Haven Journal-Courier.

bank could evolve an elim which would thrive on beetles.—New Haven Jours and commental to courser. What Burbank wants to evolve most is a cliber with brains and commental seasons who realizes that nature will not forever shower her benefactions upon him unless he will do his part in taking care of them, shielding them from their natural enemies and giving them generally the protection which they need in an artificial environment. The elem tree needs care as much as, a rose bush and cannot thrive without it. But who would put a rose bush out on a lawn and never touch or trim, cullivate, water or feed it and expect grarity fring results and a perpetual renewal of blooming life.—Bridgeport Standard.

What He Does Not Know.

Aged Juseph Cannon does not know exactly whether he is hunting rabbits or is being hunted by a ring-tailed of the coulse of the search of t

or is being hunted by a ring-tailed boojum-Toledo Blade

## THE MAN WHO TALLS

through is a feasible scheme, and instead of being something new is really a revival of conditions which were existent but rendered unprofitable a half-dentury or more ago. Upon this subject a Boston paper says:

"Very few of the presert generation realize to what an extent we depended upon water carriage, even in our own state, before railroads became so generally developed. The movement to open the Connecticut to longer navigation than is now possible is looked upon as an entirely new enterprise and it is forgotten that once the proposition to tunnel through the mountains was not for the purpose of running a railroad but to accommodate a waterway to connect Boston with the Hudson.

The writer who said: "Do not run away from your difficulties—they are your friends," opened our eyes to a new fact. Anything which prompts us to overcome instead of resorting to flight is of real use, because it tends to greater development of quality which is character. Difficulties are not pleasant—they are often very perplexing, but whoever can look down upon them from the heights of achievement has beaten whoever looks up to them in terror from a point of retreats. Surmounting difficulties in the battle of life is sometimes referred to as ability, and sometimes as genius, according to the nature of the difficulties are our friends."

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The good-word habit is not so general as it should be. There are lots of good words in the dictionary, and it does not cost anything to use them; but it takes quite a bit of study to use good words right. The good word, said a philosopher. The good word, and gladdening of hearts is a commendable occupation. The good word is usually the right word spoken at the right time. Many a good word has been made a missit by the way in which it was used. It is not so easy to give to the good-word its full effectiveness as some people suppose. If it was as easy to say the good word as it is to use the piercing or nettling word, this world to more people would seem to be "one sweet song." But the good-word habit is worth acquiring—it soothes, it conciliates, it gladdens.

The German warning to "never forget that you're married to a woman and not to an angel," is worthy of every man's attention. In the first place, it is self-evident that anything that wears wings cannot follow the fashious, and that the head for a halo never can be improved by an Easter hat. An angel would not spar vocally for the last word or tie a string upon your finger to remind you to fetch home a pound of coffee. If you like to foo! yourself in this way you cannot fool the woman. It is more than likely that you have married a prospective mother-in-law and it becomes one to see that she becomes a first-class mother-in-law, for the good mother-in-law is thought to be somewhat angelic. The Germans would not have men deceive themselves—men are better and braver and truer by looking at their partners in the right light and treating them as though they were queens. The German warning to "never forthey were queens,

This is the year in which to forever settle who first called Norwich "The Rose of New England." It was first put in the public eye to stay when it was inscribed on a beautiful arch on Broadway in 1859, at the time of the town's bicantennal anyiersary. Since town's bicentennial anniversary. Since none of the speakers of that time use the sobriquet, it is fair to presume that it was new. Henry Ward Beecher has been accredited with originating the nickname which stuck. The rose was been accredited with originating the nickname which stuck. The rose was Beecher's favorite flower, and a story has been told of his paying so much attention to a favorite rose that Mrs. attention to a favorite rose that Mrs. Bescher in a jealous moment cut it off and threw it away. He did not so call it because of the popularity of rose culture here, but it was his ideal rural New England city; it took his fancy as the rose had taken it long before. It is told of him that when he stood beneath the Lorenzo Dow elm, at Norwich Town, that he smotionally embraced the great tree and exclained: "It seems as if I should call thee brother." Henry Ward Beecher was capable of seeing here "The Rose of New England." and we all recognize the heauty and fitness of the name.

Every wind may be a wild wind in March, but every flower is not a wild flower. The snowflakes and the crocuses which bloom as soon as the snow is off, are domesticated allens which first greeted the sun in high and cool climates in other press of the world. The snowflakes coming from the countries bordering the Mediterranean, and the crocuses from the mountains of. the crocuses from the mountains of Calabria, the mountains of Greece and from the Alps and the Appenines, where they were first found looking toward heaven from the edges of the snow.

Midway between the optimist and These hardy little mountaineers make the pessimist stands the mellorist pretty front yard ornaments wherever Did you ever hear of him before? If the bulbs are set in the ground in the look him up. He is really a pretty another, they thrive in peace and beau-ty in the mixed gardens of the border. They learned to smile in the face of Jack Prost many centuries ago, and

will yet continue to do so for centuries. from being satisfied with the world as it is, he does not dream of some A Philadelphian who had worked on skyscrapers for 35 years stepped on a banana peet the other day and was fatally hurt.

We are selecting the seeds and we are planning for the garden. We are planting them in pots and cold frames to compel them to bloom carry. We succeed pretty well, when said and said for a truth "that a garden or a gardener cannot be made in one generation." If our forbears were gardeners we may owe much to them for our success, for you know what was their habit is our instinct; but if we are not of the cult, we are my who may come after us. There we are gardeners better gardeners than I and better gardens who imay one of the simply to better things, which is the root idea of the word meliorist. The meliorists are sometimes called half-a-loaf men. They will take the best they can get under the circumstended himself.

The state of Rhode Island has forwarded its protest to Washington against the enactment of a national inheritance tax law.

Hearts that are not of "the ould sod" cannot turn down "the Rose of Killar-ney." It is first in this great group ney." It is first in this great group regard as drudgery. Flowers are impossible tasks that the treasures which cannot take unto man would sink back into it

I suppose that every one knows that when at the show of the present day the woman with a big hat and man with a telescope neck are shown that tangle in the state, the church the tangle in the state, the church there have the state of the s many people think that a blow at their heart. It is the woman with a big hat and man with a blow at their heart. It is the woman with a big hat and man with a telescope neck are shown that the well to know the difference.

President Eliot is said to be the only person who has not enthused over the announcement that he might be sent to the court of St. James.

The husband who yearns to do something important seldom realizes that the might be cleaning of the backyard and the benting of mats.

The attempt to make prohibition of the man who make the laws.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

A Task for Burbank.

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WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

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Awful mean things are said now and Awtul mean things are said now and then about the hymns which are sung with such fervor in religious meetings, and they are said by people who sing them, too. The poverty of the line is in appailing contrast to the richness of the music, and women call them silly and some men call them idiotic; but it does no good, the people keep on singing 'hem with spirit. A brotter upbraided for singing such feelishness looked at his critic and said: "What's that amount to—words and at the same time hardly brave enough to be optimists? Pessimism we have rejected. Thorough-going bring ourselves to accept. But here

### THE ELLLETIN'S DAILY STORY

SO LUCID

I have often thought that it is a

mighty good thing that all our prayers are not answered. Prayers said according to everybody's selfishiness are all at cross-purposes. Some pray for fair and some for foul weather; some

for dry and some for wet; some for hot and some for cool; and the whole push for individual desires rather than

for righteous attainments by the whole people. Everyday prayers must be a criss-cross puzzle to Him who knows what is best for each one and can help

what is best for each one and can help according to each one's deserts. If we should ask believing and get them all answered in a single day we should be supprised: and perhaps this is where out unbelief works to our advantage rather than to our disadvantage. Prayer for "me and mine, or you and your", or we and our" is too narrow. He who prays against his enemies prays against himself. He who has courage to say "Forgive me my trespasses as I forgive those who tres-

trespasses as I forgive those who tres-pass against me," prays right; but be-fore doing it be sure you have used

your enemies righteously or your pray-

SUNPAY WORNING TILK

look him up. He is really a pretty useful individual, even though he may not be popularly recognized under the designation, and he himself may hard-ly be aware of his classification. Far

man would sink back into inertia and indifference.

programme, however limited that pro-gramme is, often wins out as against

Doesn't the thought of single steps in betterment appeal to those of us who are too brave to be pessimists,

optimism we have not been able to

a do-nothing policy.

"Now that Mr. Taft has a good start I suppose he'll get after the Panama canal like a terrier looking for a rat in a rag barrel," said Schoonerby, as he lift his evening cigar.

"Will .e make any more stir down there than Mr. Roosevelt did?" asked his wife.

"To be sure he will." said Schoonerby, "He's new on the job. And he'll finish that canal, for he's been there.

"I never could understand about that canal," sighed Mrs. Schoonerby. "The lock canal," explained Schoonerby patiently, "is not dug at all. They begin at one end and build a big box, big enough to hold two or three large ships. Then they make a whole string of such boxes clear across the listmus. They foat a ship find the first box, shut the door and pump the box full of water. This brings the ship up to the bottom of the next box, and so on until the ship is up to the sure would you mind explaining to me what is meant by tidewater?" asked Mrs. Schoonerby, "And why they should either tie water or lock it?"

"Well, now, that's a perfect lucid

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wrong conditions, who never simed at targets impossible to hit; but who were facile in devising practical meas-ures whose work accrued to the up-lifting of their neighbors and the wel-fare of mankind.

The one crucical, vital question for all of us is what can we do notwith-standing the limitations that sur-

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